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SUBJ: GOG WARNS AGAINST AGENTS PROVOCATEURS

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1. FOLLOWING PERSISTENT AND WIDELY REPORTED COMMENTS FROM ALL POLITICAL QUARTERS TO GOG ON ROLE OF AGENTS PROVOCATEURS IN RECENT ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS, MINISTER OF PUBLIC ORDER, SOLON GHIKAS, ISSUED STATEMENT INDICATING THAT WHILE HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT SUCH ALSIMS, IT WAS DIFFICULT TASK FOR POLICE TO UNCOVER SUCH EFFORTS AND COOPERATION OF ALL GREEKS WOULD BE NEEDED. HE ADDED THAT IRON UNITY OF NATION ACHIEVED IN MOMENT OF CRISIS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED BY COOPERATION BETWEEN STATE OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE AGAINST DESIGNS OF AGENTS PROVOCATEURS.

2. TO VIMA EDITORIALIZED THAT GOG HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO NEUTRALIZE SUCH AGENTS TO ENSURE THAT INCIDENTS SUCH AS THOSE OF LAST SUNDAY DO NOT REOCCUR. IT ADDED GOG FIRST MUST CLEANSE SECURITY SERVICES BEFORE PUBLIC WILL HAVE CONFIDENCE TO COOPERATE IN REPORTING AGENTS.

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3. COMMENT: DESPITE ATHENS POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT

SUNDAY'S ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS AUGUST 18 WERE ORGANIZED BY COMMUNIST YOUTH ORANIZATION (KNE), MEDIA REPORTAGE AND COMMENTARY PLACED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FANATICISM OF DEMONSTRATORS ON AGENTS PROVOCATEURS PAYROLLED PREVIOUSLY BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES. GHIKAS' CALL FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION SHOULD HELP TO ASSUAGE CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS FROM ALL POLITICAL QUARTERS ON WHO SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. TASCA

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